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WATER BOARD SETS NEXT MEETING FOR FRIDAY IN BOISE

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The Idaho Water Resource Board will holds its next regular meeting Friday (February 28) in Boise, Board officials said today.

At the meeting Board members will elect officers, consider four requests for financial assistance totaling \$74,250, hear reports on their comprehensive state water planning effort and consider other water related issues.

The meeting starts at 8:30 at the IDWR State Office, 1301 N. Orchard Street in Boise. The Board also will hold a work session on Thursday (February 27) at the same time and location. During the work session, staff will present draft recommendations for the Lower Boise Basin comprehensive basin plan for Board consideration.

Both meetings are open to the public; however, the Board will hold an executive session at the end of the Friday meeting, approximately 11:00 a.m. that is not open to the public.

Board members will consider two new requests for loans, an increase in an existing loan request and one request for a grant. The four requests are:

- A grant of \$9,250 for the Boise City Canal Company for a feasibility study in preparation for a canal system rehabilitation project;
- A loan of \$10,000 for the Harpster Water District (Idaho County Northeast of Grangeville) for a water system improvement project planning study;
- A loan of \$30,000 for the Capitol View Irrigation District (Ada County North of Eagle) to reconstruct a pumping plant; and
- A request to increase by \$25,000 an existing loan to the Jefferson Irrigation Company (Jefferson County west of Rexburg) to replace and deepen wells.

The meetings will be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need assistance to attend, participate in or understand the meetings please contact Rita Fleck, (208) 327-7880 in advance so arrangements can be made.